

“The Terror Finance Tracking Program.” Testimony was heard from Stuart Levey, Under Secretary, Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Department of the Treasury.

PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Security.” Testimony was heard from Randall W. Lutter, Acting Associate Commissioner, Policy and Planning, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Kevin Delli-Colli, Deputy Assistant Director, Financial and Trade Investigations Division, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE FEDERAL EMPLOYEE APPEALS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled “Establishing a Task Force to Improve Federal Employee Appeals.” Testimony was heard from Neil A.G. McPhie, Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board; William Tobey, Deputy Solicitor, Federal Labor Relations Authority; Cari M. Dominguez, Chair, EEOC; Scott Bloch, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; Nancy H. Kichak, Associate Director, Strategic Human Resource Policy Division, OPM; Scot Beckenbaugh, Acting Deputy Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; and public witnesses.

IRAQ NATIONAL VICTORY STRATEGY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “The Evolving National Strategy for Victory in Iraq.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Ambassador James Jeffrey, Senior Advisor on Iraq to the Secretary, and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Middle East, Department of State; BG Michael Jones, USA, Deputy Director, Political Military Affairs, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense; Kenneth Katzman, Specialist in Middle East Affairs, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5695, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006.

BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT/ REDUCTION SHIP AIR POLLUTION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on a proposal regarding Ballast Water Management and Reduction of Air Pollution from Ships. Testimony was heard from RADM Brian M. Salerno, USCG, Director, Inspection and Compliance, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Timothy R.E. Kenney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D742)

H.R. 4912, to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act to extend the exemption for critical access hospitals under the FHA program for mortgage insurance for hospitals. Signed on July 10, 2006. (Public Law 109-240)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Frederic S. Mishkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Linda Mysliwiy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be First Vice President, and J. Joseph Grandmaison, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, both of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Geoffrey S. Bacino, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, and Edmund C. Moy, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nomination of Marc Spitzer, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine S. 3495, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine development effectiveness of infrastructure projects relating to multilateral development banks, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 660, to provide for the acknowledgement of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine immigration issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine strengthening participation of small